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1. Most medical doctors worked for the state about four hours per day, six days per week. Their earnings for this service approximated 500 to 600 forints monthly. Medical doctors working for the state on a full time basis could earn from 1,500 to 3,000 forints monthly. All medical doctors practiced privately after their regular state hours and their total income was not readily computable. An average visit to a general practitioner's office cost between 30 and 50 forints. Visits to dental offices usually cost a patient about 25 or 30 forints for each tooth worked on or filled.
2. Attorneys at law in private practice earned an average of 2,000 to 3,000 forints monthly. Attorneys daring enough to accept difficult or potentially hazardous cases could earn as much as 5,000 forints per month.
3. The following categories of workers earned wages per month as follows:

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| Store clerks | 600 - 800 forints |
| Store managers | 1,200 forints |
| Bus drivers | 800 - 1,200 forints |
| Truck drivers | 800 - 1,200 forints |
| Factory helpers | 600 - 800 forints |
| Cleaners | 600 - 800 forints |
| Movers | 600 - 800 forints |
| General helpers | 600 - 800 forints |
| Skilled factory workers | 800 - 1,200 forints |

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| Typists | 800 - 1,000 forints |
| Engineers | 1,200 - 3,000 forints |
| Time study men | 1,200 - 1,500 forints |
| Referees | 1,200 forints |
| Head referees | 1,500 forints |
| Class leaders * | 1,800 forints |
| Head class leaders * | 2,200 - 2,500 forints |
| Factory and office directors | 3,000 forints (class A) |

* Similar to group leader, gang leader, or straw boss.

4. I recall the cost of food items as follows:

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| 1 liter | milk | 3.60 forints |
| 1 kilo | butter | 72 forints |
| 1 kilo | coffee | 400 forints |
| 1 kilo | cocoa | 360 forints |
| 2 kilo | bread | 5.60 forints |
| 2 kilo | chicken | 35 forints |
| 1 kilo | pork | 20 forints |
| 1 kilo | beef | 20 forints |
| 1/4 kilo | raspberries | 5.40 forints |
| 1/4 kilo | melons | 6 forints |
| 1 kilo | peas, canned | 7.80 forints |
| 1 kilo | peas, frozen | 14 forints |
| 1 kilo | beans, brown | 18 forints |
| 1 kilo | potatoes | 2.60 - 2.80 forints |
| 1 kilo | cauliflower | 5.60 forints |
| 1 kilo | sugar | 12.60 forints |

5. I recall that items of clothing cost as follows:

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| 1 | suit, man's tailor-made | 1,200 forints |
| 1 | suit, man's ready-made | 600 - 1,200 forints |
| Pair | shoes, man's summer | 172 forints |
| Pair | boots, leather | 800 forints |
| 1 | necktie | 17 - 70 forints |
| Pair | men's socks | 14 - 38 forints |
| 1 | hat, man's wool | 70 - 80 forints |
| 1 | hat, man's rabbit | 180 - 200 forints |
| 1 | shirt, man's poplin | 100 - 250 forints |
| 1 pair | stockings, women's, Hungarian nylon | 170 forints |
| 1 pair | stockings, women's, American-made | 200 forints |
| | nylon, when available | |
| 1 pair | shoes, women's, manufactured | 400 forints |
| 1 pair | shoes, women's very cheap grade, lasting only several months | 120 forints |
| 1 pair | shoes, woman's handmade of very fine leather | 600 - 800 forints |
| 1 | skirt | 40 forints |
| 1 | suit, woman's summer | 200 forints |

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